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Signs of Safety:

"A collaborative approach to safeguarding."

Signs of Safety is an internationally recognised approach to risk assessment and safety development planning. Ensuring a focus on the safety of the child, whilst skilfully engaging the participation of the family to strengthen the level of safety provided to the child. This approach encourages and enables inter agency collaboration by using a joined up, ongoing approach to risk assessment and safety development; as promoted by leading child care thinkers such as Eileen Munroe and David Howe.

Course aims:

- Refresh your memory for how families are more than their problems.
- Understand how to promote respectful, open, collaboration with families whilst carrying out safeguarding and risk assessments that keep the needs of the child paramount.
- How to balance the professional dilemma of gaining family partnership and collaboration whilst needing to use coercive strategies to ensure a child's safety.
- Learn how to use solution Focused communication techniques that develop partnership with the family and build safety for the child.
- Explore creative techniques to include and involve children in assessments.
- Develop approaches to keep the assessment process focused on the needs and experience of the child in a multi agency environment.
- Explore how the Signs of Safety approach can be used to enhance current assessment models, procedures and requirements (CAF)
- Identify how current practice could be improved by the application of Signs of Safety approaches and practice principles.

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Contents:

- Reviewing the lessons from serious case reviews, (Monro and Brandon)
- Presentation of the Signs of Safety approach and process
- Demonstration and exploration of Signs of Safety approach and techniques
- Understand how to maintain a respectful and collaborative approach when carrying out safeguarding and risk assessment tasks.
- Case Study exercises taken from examples of candidates own good practice
- Practice skills and techniques
- Explore application Signs of Safety approaches to working with Colleagues and Fellow Professionals.
- Using Creative techniques with children to carry out Signs of Safety assessment
- Practice effective assessment tools and communication skills
- Review current practice and developments
- Identify future small steps to improve practice and how this could be supported in the team.
- Action Learning sets to reinforce practice and review practice developments, adaptations and improvements.

Day 1 An Introduction to the principles, skills and models of the Signs of Safety Approach

Day 2 Exploring how the Signs of Safety Approach can be integrated into current practice effectively (providing time to fully question, understand and challenge the model, using current case studies as examples).

Evidencing improvement in service delivery:

The current level of family collaboration and useful safeguarding assessment will be reviewed, explored and evidenced during the two days training. Practice targets will then be set by course candidates for the forthcoming months; with details about how the targets will be achieved and supported by their team and supervisor. The evidence created will be gathered and recorded by candidates and supervisor to form a learning review report.

Facilitator: Gary Humphreys B.A, Dip SW, Cert FE

Course length: Two days training

Cost: £400 per full day

These rates apply where venue and handout photocopying is provided by the commissioning agency.

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